The Idaho State Department of Education maintains a file of emerging education leaders that consists of distinguished teachers and principals. We are looking for those "unsung heroes" which every school and district contains. These educators may be considered for membership on advisory boards and task forces, or for statewide recognition. We are looking to identify those educators who are outstanding.

Do you know an educator in your district who is illustrative of our state's best and whose lessons provide models for others? Is the educator a distinguished, top-quality education professional who goes above and beyond?

Eligible candidates should:

- Have a minimum of five years teaching experience;
- Be building-level personnel who will continue in their position during the upcoming school year and for many years to come; and
- Be a classroom teacher or principal recognized by peers and supervisors as unique in their leadership capabilities and able to improve student results.

We ask that you keep this recommendation confidential and do not share it with the individual. I urge you to take the time to recommend a candidate. Please send the name of the teacher or principal, the name of their school, and which grade(s) they teach by **email no later than May 5. 2016** to:

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